Rate of national gas per cubic metre

861. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of natural gas per cubic metre in Tripura, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland etc in comparison with other States viz, West Bengal, Union territory of Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to maintain the same rate of natural gas per cubic metre within the N.E.R; States particularly in Tripura as in Assam; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The price of natural gas in the entire North East Region, including Assam and Tripura, has been fixed at Rs. 1000/1000 M3 with a provision for discounts of upto Rs. 500|1000M3 to be given in individual cases. For the rest of the country, the price of offshore natural gas at landfall point and onshore gas has been fixed at Rs. 1400|1000 M3 and at Rs. 2250|1000M3 along HBJ Pipeline. These prices are exclusive of royalty, taxes etc.

कोल स्लरी पाइपलाइन योजना

862. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग :** क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कोयले के परिवहन के लिये अत्यधिक आवश्यक कोल स्लरी पाइपलाइन योजना को स्वीकृति दिये जाने में कौन-कौन सी बाधायें हैं और क्या सरकार उक्त योजना को निकट भविष्य में कार्यान्वित करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि लम्बी दूरी के कारण कोयले की ढुलाई अधिक महंगी पड़ती है, यदि हां, तो क्या ढुलाई को सस्ता करने के लिये कोई योजना है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे): (क) और (ख) सरकार ने महाराष्ट्र में माजरी कोलखान से लेकर चन्द्रपुर ताप बिजली घर एक कम दूरी की कोयला स्लरी पाइपलाइन बिछाने का निर्णय किया है । सरकारी क्षेत्र की एक भारतीय इंजीनियरी परामर्शदात्री कम्पनी को प्रमाणित तकनालाजी आधार पर प्रदर्शनसुविधा के लिये विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट तैयार करने का काम दिया गया है । परियोजना रिपोर्ट को तैयार करने का काम चल रहा है ।

खुदाई स्थान से दूर स्थित बिजली घरों को कोयले की पहुंच लागत में परिवहन लागत बड़ा अंश होती है । भारत की परिस्थितियों में कोयला स्लरी पाइपलाइन की तकनीकी-आर्थिक साध्यता की जांच करने की आवश्यकता का कारण यह है कि पारम्परिक पद्धति से कोयले के परिवहन की लागत में निरन्तर वृद्धि हो रही है और अन्य कठिनाईयां आ रही है ।

Exploration for oil and gas in Andhra Pradesh

863. SHRI GOPAL RAO RAO:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places in Andhra Pradesh where exploration for oil and gas is going on and the details of the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two years and success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): ONGC is carrying out exploration work at the following places in Andhra Pradesh:

Geoscientific Surveys

— South East of Kaza & North West
— of Machhlipatinam
— Kaikalur
— Ambajipeta-Vadapara-Razole

Exploratory Drilling

— Vetlapalam
— Chintalappali
— Razole and
— Vadali

During the last two years, ONGC has incurred an expenditure of about Rs. 105.35 crores on hydrocarbon exploration in Andhra Pradesh.

ONGC have so far located oil and/or gas at the following prospects in Andhra Pradesh:

— Razole
— Narsapur
— Kaza
— Bhimanpalli
— Tatipaka
— Kaikalur
— Pasarlapudi

Gas agencies allotted to war widows and ex-servicemen

864. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will he Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which have been recommended by the Defence Ministry for the allotment of LPG agencies to war widows and disabled ex-servicemen; and

(b) the number of cases in which the recommendations were accepted and LPG agencies allotted to such widows and disabled ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Gas Transmission Grid

865. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has submitted a proposal for a 7084 mile National Gas Transmission Grid from Trivandruam and Bangalore to Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The proposal of ONGC for a national gas grid is a part of the long-term perspective plan for the development and utilisation of natural gas. Its implementation will depend on the establishment of adequate reserves of gas and availability of financial resources for its production and utilisation. Exploration is underway for discovering oil and gas reserves.

Flaring of gas

866. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gas flared during the last three years in the existing oil and gas fields of ONGC and OIL in Upper Assam Valley, Tripura, Bombay High and other oil and gas fields of the country: and

(b) the measures taken by Government so far to utilise this precious fuel commercially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) About 9000 MCM of gas was flared during he last three years.

(b) The following steps have been taken by Government for maximum utilisation and to minimise flaring:

(i) Installation of additional compression facilities.

(ii) Encouraging consumers to take gas on a fall-back basis, when regular customers fail to lift the committed quantities. Towards this end, a 15 per